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1. The Red Army command in Chemnitz is located in a building on Bahnhofstrasse. It is indicated on the accompanying map by the figure I. It is a three to four-story building. There are 200 officers here, and the staff of the MVD. Entry to the place is strictly controlled. Only Soviet officers are allowed to enter.
2. The figures III and IV on the map indicate barracks in which Soviet infantry is quartered. A large part of IV is used to confine Soviet prisoners. Barracks III is in Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf. Barracks IV is in Planitzstrasse; it has been fully occupied since the middle of Aug 1953.
3. The figure, II, indicates the approximate location of the so-called Wismut colony, where Soviet officers are quartered. There are 258 dwellings altogether, forming a closed area, mostly in Chemnitztalstrasse, Chemnitz-Füth. The technical office and the Wismut main office are in Zwickauerstrasse and Hauptstrasse.
4. No. V is a depot in a former factory building in Jagdschauenstrasse, in Chemnitz-Sigmar-Schönau. The fuel depot was established in 1948. The fuel and oil are brought to the depot by train twice a month. Eleven tank trucks leave the depot daily. The depot is guarded by Volkspolizei and Soviet soldiers. The Soviet soldier prisoners in Barracks IV have to work in the supply and fuel depots. There is also a Soviet vehicle park in this same area.
5. The barracks in Limbacherstrasse are occupied by a transport battalion.

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